

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the specification and substitute therefor the attached substitute specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Before Claim 1, please delete "CLAIMS" and substitute therefor --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and substitute therefor the following new Claims 9-

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--9. (New) A process for manufacturing crystallizable plastic material comprising:

- (a) melting amorphous plastic material;
- (b) pelletizing the plastic material;
- (c) crystallizing the plastic material; and
- (d) post-condensing the plastic material;

wherein the plastic material is not subjected to heating prior to the crystallization step and the plastic material is subjected to sieving after the crystallization step.--

--10. (New) The process according to Claim 9, wherein the plastic material is a polyester.--

--11. (New) The process according to Claim 10, wherein the polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.--

--12. (New) The process according to Claim 9, wherein the crystallization step takes place at a temperature of 140 °C to 180 °C.--

--13. (New) A device for manufacturing crystallizable plastic material for executing a process according to Claim 9, the device comprising a pelletizer, a fluidized bed (4) and a shaft reactor (7), wherein a sieve (5) is placed downstream from the fluidized bed (4).--

--14. (New) The device according to Claim 13, wherein the plastic material is a polyester.--

--15. (New) The device according to Claim 14, wherein the polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.--

--16. (New) A process for manufacturing crystallizable plastic material comprising:

- (a) melting amorphous plastic material;
- (b) crystallizing the plastic material;
- (c) pelletizing the plastic material; and
- (d) post-condensing the plastic material;

wherein the plastic material is not warmed again prior to the crystallization step and the plastic material is subjected to sieving after the pelletization step at roughly the same temperature as during the crystallization step and the pelletization step.--

--17. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the temperature during the crystallization step, the pelletization step and the sieving step is between 100 °C and 200 °C.

--18. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the temperature during the crystallization step, the pelletization step and the sieving step is between 120 °C and 160 °C.--

--19. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein retention time during the crystallization step is approximately 1 to 40 seconds. --

--20. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein retention time during the crystallization step is approximately 2 to 20 seconds.--

--21. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the sieving step is followed by a second crystallization step.--

--22. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the plastic material is a polyester.--

--23. (New) The process according to Claim 22, wherein the polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.--

--24. (New) A device for manufacturing crystallizable plastic material, for executing a process according to Claim 16, comprising a first crystallizer and a downstream cutter (2), wherein a sieve (5) is placed downstream from the cutter (2).--